

**CITY OF RENO SENIOR CITIZEN ADVISORY COMMITTEE and
WASHOE COUNTY HUMAN SERVICES AGENCY
SENIOR ADVISORY BOARD**

JOINT MEETING APPROVED MINUTES

Wednesday, April 4, 2018

The joint meeting of the Senior Citizen Advisory Committee (SCAC) and the Washoe County Human Services Agency Senior Advisory Board (WCHSASAB) was held in the Evelyn Mount Northeast Community Center, 1301 Valley Road, Reno, Nevada and conducted the following business:

1. Call to Order/Roll Call

The meeting was called to order by SCAC Chair Donna Clontz at 3:02 p.m. City of Reno and Washoe County met a quorum.

Members Present: **WCHSASAB:** Dr. Larry Weiss, Stanley Ann Dowdy, Sandra Dexter, Margaret Reinhardt, Wayne Alexander, Marsy Kupfersmith, Garth Elliott, Donna Clontz, Barbara Korosa, Rick Sorenson, Sarah Deardorff (present at 3:07 p.m.)

City of Reno SCAC: Donna Clontz, Stanley Ann Dowdy, Wendy Boszak, Barbara Deavers, Lesley Henderson, Mac Rossi, Robert Mulvana (present at 3:10 p.m.), Linda Musselman (present at 3:13 p.m.)

Members Absent: **WCHSASAB:** None

City of Reno SCAC: Vanessa Dixon

Staff Present: **WCHSASAB:** Amber Howell-WCHSA Director; Steve McBride, Leslie Admirand-Deputy District Attorney; Sandra Vasquez

City of Reno SCAC: Leslie Smith, Parks, Recreation and Community Services (PRCS); Alan Roney, Interim Manager, PRCS Youth and Senior Services

2. Public Comment

None

3. Member Announcements

Member Dowdy announced that AARP will start having Lunch and Learn get-togethers with Washoe County in the County Commission Chambers.

Chair Weiss announced the availability of tickets for the Aces opening game.

Member Kupfersmith announced the following upcoming meetings: Senior Coalition of Washoe County on Friday April 6; Senior Outreach Services Education Talk on April 10.

Member Boszak announced she is running for State Senate, District 14.

Member Sorenson announced that Truckee Meadows Community College (TMCC) Community Education Summer Course Guides are available.

Member Elliott discussed the need to stay involved and represent seniors in the area plan update process.

Chair Clontz announced that the Senior Connect for April is out. The Truckee Meadows Regional Planning Agency (TMRPA) sent out an email saying they have an affordable housing survey online and affordable housing will be discussed at their April 12 meeting. Community Foundation is doing a Caregivers in the Workplace presentation on April 24.

4. Approval of Agenda: April 4, 2018 (For Possible Action)

MEMBER DOWDY MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE AGENDA, SECONDED BY MEMBER DEEVERS. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY WITH EIGHT (8) SCAC MEMBERS PRESENT.

MEMBER ELLIOTT MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE AGENDA, SECONDED BY MEMBER REINHARDT. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY WITH ELEVEN (11) WCHSASAB MEMBERS PRESENT.

5. Approval of Minutes: January 3, 2018 (For Possible Action)

MEMBER ALEXANDER MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES, SECONDED BY MEMBER SORENSON. THE MOTION CARRIED WITH TEN (10) WCHSASAB MEMBERS IN FAVOR AND ONE (1) ABSTENTION BY MEMBER ELLIOTT.

MEMBER ROSSI MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES, SECONDED BY MEMBER BOSZAK. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY WITH EIGHT (8) SCAC MEMBERS PRESENT.

6. Presentation - Current statewide and local efforts to link supportive affordable housing with behavioral health and other social services as it relates to the senior community - Kelly Marschall, Social Entrepreneurs, Inc.

Kelly Marschall with Social Entrepreneurs, Inc., gave a presentation on Nevada's Community Integration Plan - ASD and DHHS. The presentation also included data specific to seniors from the most recent Point In Time (PIT) count completed on January 25, and data on senior needs that was presented to Senator Ratti in her Affordable Housing Committee.

Amber Howe, Washoe County Social Services Director, provided an update on the plan that was adopted and discussed grant opportunities for funding.

7. Business (For Possible Action):

- a. Update, discussion and possible approval of joint project of Stuff-A-Bus for Seniors 2018 including planning process (For Possible Action) - Chris Ciarlo, Community Outreach Coordinator

Chris Ciarlo, Community Outreach Coordinator, was absent from the meeting.

Director Howell reported that the plans for Stuff-A-Bus and Older Americans Month are going very well. There is a memo ready for the media and a press release. She also discussed funds for this year. WCHSA is going to be doubling the Homemaker Services and this will completely eliminate the wait list. We have also hired an eligibility worker to work on getting seniors eligible for home delivered meals. There is an additional social worker for the home delivered meals program. We are applying for an RTC grant for a couple more vehicles that will help get food delivered faster. Two Administrative Assistants have been added to the senior side and lastly we have assigned a full time social worker at the Senior Center on 9th Street. She also reported that the Incline Community Resource Center opened and is going very well.

Chair Clontz discussed the Stuff-A-Bus flyer and the communications plan. Volunteers are needed on May 11 to set up and help take donations. Everything that is collected will be going to Catholic Charities to be sorted and stored and they will bring it to the County Senior Center on 9th Street on May 21 for distribution where we will also need volunteers to help with that effort.

- b. Update, discussion and possible approval of joint projects for Older Americans Month (“OAM”) 2018 including opening and closing ceremonies and printing of the OAM booklet (For Possible Action) - Larry Weiss and Donna Clontz

Member Kupfersmith discussed the need for more board members to come to as many events as possible.

Chair Clontz discussed the OAM booklet. One error needs to be corrected changing May 16 to May 15 for the speaker on senior affordable housing. Any other additions or corrections to the booklet need to be made as soon as possible. Opening Ceremonies will be on May 1 at the County Senior Center on 9th Street with speakers beginning at 10:00 a.m. and Closing Ceremonies will be hosted at the Evelyn Mount Northeast Community Center at 10:00 a.m. on May 31.

- c. Discussion and possible action regarding legislation and advocacy for senior issues with policymakers, including identification of issues and dates for future advocacy training and workshops (For Possible Action) – Larry Weiss and Donna Clontz

Nothing additional to report at this time.

- d. Report, discussion and possible recommendations regarding age-friendly communities sponsored by AARP (“American Association of Retired Persons”) throughout Washoe County, Reno and Sparks (For Possible Action) - Larry Weiss and Donna Clontz

Lynn Barker, City of Reno Sustainability Manager, discussed the low scores received in the area for age-friendly communities and stated that UNR students will be paired with faculty advisors next semester to work on identifying a path forward to improve conditions for seniors. She also discussed potential projects that could be funded by an AARP grant they plan to apply for. There is a need for benches in parks near areas with a lot of seniors as well as the possibility of offering group bicycle rides for seniors. Any other ideas are welcome.

MEMBER ALEXANDER MADE A MOTION TO HAVE CHAIR CLONTZ AND CHAIR WEISS WORK WITH LYNN BARKER ON AN APPLICATION FOR THE AARP LIVABLE COMMUNITIES GRANT, SECONDED BY MEMBER DOWDY. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY WITH ELEVEN (11) WCHSASAB MEMBERS PRESENT.

MEMBER MUSSELMAN MADE A MOTION TO HAVE CHAIR CLONTZ AND CHAIR WEISS WORK WITH LYNN BARKER ON AN APPLICATION FOR THE AARP LIVABLE COMMUNITIES GRANT, SECONDED BY MEMBER BOSZAK. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY WITH EIGHT (8) SCAC MEMBERS PRESENT.

(Member Kupfersmith absent at ~4:45 p.m.)

- e. Update, discussion and possible recommendations regarding working with Truckee Meadows Regional Planning Agency to create a survey of Washoe County seniors that would support the Reno and Washoe County strategic plans, the Reno STAR (“Sustainability Tools for Assessing and Rating”) Communities rating and the Age-Friendly/Livable Communities project (For Possible Action) - Larry Weiss and Donna Clontz

Chair Clontz reported on meetings with TMRPA to create a survey that will be out for seniors during Older Americans Month. The survey can be taken online and hard copies of the survey will also be available.

- f. Reports, updates and possible recommendations on advisory board and committee members' shared issues and goals worksheet for Housing, Advocacy, Communication, Data Planning, Transportation, Food, Social and Recreation, Senior Law, Volunteers, Financing and Social and Health Services (For Possible Action) - Larry Weiss and Donna Clontz

Chair Clontz reported that the Shared Goals Worksheet has been updated. New members can think about which areas they would like to select to participate in and have their names added at the next meeting.

Member Barbara Korosa reported that the 20th Century Club members will have a donation for the Stuff-A-Bus event.

- 8. Washoe County Human Services Agency Staff Report** – Update on Division programs - Amber Howell, Director, Washoe County Human Services Agency

Nothing additional to report at this time.

(Members Mulvana and Rossi absent at ~5:05 p.m.)

- 9. City of Reno PRCS Youth and Senior Services Staff Report** – Update on Division programs - Alan Roney, Interim Manager, PRCS Youth and Senior Services for City of Reno

Alan Roney reported that a new Manager for PRCS Youth and Senior Services has been selected and will start on April 23.

10. Agenda items for the next Joint Board meeting in July 2018

Future agenda items will include: recurring items under Agenda Item 7. The July meeting will be moved to June 27, 2018, because of the 4th of July holiday.

11. Public Comment

None

12. Adjournment (For Possible Action)

MEMBER DOWDY MADE A MOTION TO ADJOURN AT 5:09 P.M., SECONDED BY MEMBER ELLIOTT. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY WITH TEN (10) WCHSASAB MEMBERS PRESENT.

MEMBER BOSZAK MADE A MOTION TO ADJOURN AT 5:09 P.M., SECONDED BY MEMBER DEEVERS. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY WITH SIX (6) SCAC MEMBERS PRESENT.